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please see attached supplemental notice of allowability, correcting Examiner's amendment of 1 May 2007.

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DETAILED ACTION

Supplemental Notice of Allowability

The present document corrects the Examiner's Amendment to claim 49 that was mailed on 1 May 2007. The correction was approved by Mr. Becker and Mr. Palermo.

The Examiner apologizes for any inconvenience.

Claims 43-60 remain allowed, of which claims 43, 49 and 55 are independent.

Examiner's Amendment After Allowance

Please amend the claims as follows.

49. (NEW) A computer-readable storage medium ~~consisting of volatile and non-volatile storage~~ for estimating how a user would rate a movie that the user has not yet rated, the computer-readable medium carrying instructions which, when executed by one or more processors:

identify a set of common movies that have been rated favorably by the user and that have ratings that satisfy a minimum rating threshold;

identify one or more other users that have rated the set of common movies and given ratings for the set of common movies that are substantially similar to ratings given by the user for the set of common movies; and

estimate how the user would rate the item that the user has not yet rated by determining a similarity between the set of common movies and the item that the user has not yet rated,

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wherein determining the similarity between the set of common movies and the movie that the user has not yet rated includes by-comparing the ratings given by the one or more other users for the set of common movies to ratings given by the one or more other users for the movie-that the user has not yet rated.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James H. Zurita whose telephone number is 571-272-6766. The examiner can normally be reached on 8a-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey A. Smith can be reached on 571-272-6763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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